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In re Application of:

BARBEE, Robert BoydSerial No.: **Unassigned**Filing Date: **October 14, 2003**For: **A POLYMER/CLAY NANOCOMPOSITE
COMPRISING A CLAY MIXTURE AND
A PROCESS FOR MAKING SAME**Art Unit: **1714**Examiner: **WYROZEBSKI LEE, K.**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

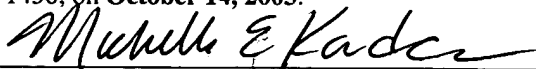
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following amendment.

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